GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SELLING OF TREES BY RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether to fill up its empty coffers, the Railways are planning to sell old trees worth crores of rupees;

(b) if so, whether the Railway Board has given directions to all its zonal Railways to put all trees that have outlived their life for auction; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c): Railways have a wealth of trees planted on Railway land over the past many decades. Many of these trees have now matured and are ready for harvesting. With a view to augment internal resource generation, Zonal Railways have been advised to harvest all such trees, as per the rules and procedures framed by the Local Forest Departments. To ensure renewal of the forest cover, further plantation of trees is undertaken on the land thus vacated.